

ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2023 Scholarship programme – Call for applications

The call for scholarship applications is now open! Deadline is Monday 19 June (23:59 CEST).

[Apply here](#)

ILGA-Europe offers scholarships to support the participation of LGBTI organisations and groups that would otherwise be unable to attend our Annual Conference for financial reasons. We are committed to ensuring that the diversity of the LGBTI movement in Europe and Central Asia is reflected as much as possible at the Conference, and this commitment guides us in offering and awarding scholarships.

Knowing how limited resources are for many organisations and groups in our movement, we are aimed at making the best use of the resources we have. While we will not be able to offer scholarships to every person who applies, we will award scholarships to support a balanced representation and fair access to resources for the LGBTI movement in its diversity.

Please help us do that, and please consider within your organisation whether you need to apply for a full scholarship, a partial scholarship or none at all, thanks to having access to other resources to support your participation.

Who are the Conference scholarships for?

- LGBTI activists that are delegated by their LGBTI organisation or group to attend the Conference and apply for a scholarship; please note we invite only one scholarship applicant per organisation.
- Delegating organisations and scholarship applicants who are based and work in Europe and Central Asia;
- Delegating organisations or groups who do not have other resources to cover participation in the Conference and are not attending the Conference already as a partner in the framework of one of ILGA-Europe's programmes.

How are scholars selected?

Our scholarship selection process is based on the above conditions, and to ensure a balanced representation and fair access to support, considers the following:

Motivation: We seek to award scholarships to participants that represent organisations or groups with a clear vision of why participation in the Conference is important to them and how it supports their work. This means that an organisation delegates their representative to the Conference with a sense of purpose and an understanding of what they want to bring to the Conference and take home from it. It also means that this delegated representative is in a position to bring the organisation's experience or agenda to the Conference and bring back the learning from the Conference into the organisation's work or bigger team, and that they are supported by the organisation in doing so.

Diversity: When awarding scholarships, we also consider them all together, to assess the representation of the LGBTI movement at the Conference. We aim at using our scholarship resources in a way that will ensure a diverse and balanced representation of LGBTI organisations and groups from across Europe and Central Asia. When considering the profile of an organisation, we take into account their geographical location and the parts of the movement they represent, and we encourage applications from organisations that are under-resourced and serve under-represented parts of the community and agenda.

We also give attention to the diversity of the pool of participants themselves. This includes considering applications in terms of sexual orientations; gender identities and/or gender expression; sex characteristics; cultures; religions; linguistic; ethnic groups, as well as in terms of age; disability; visual or hearing ability; health status; financial means; family composition/ care responsibilities, and other facets of our identities. We particularly welcome applications from delegates that belong to groups that are under-represented within the LGBTI movement.

How to apply?

The scholarship application window opens on Thursday, 4 May and closes on Monday, 19 June (23:59 CEST).

During this time, you can submit your scholarship application by filling in [this form](#).

Applications are to be submitted directly by individuals, following a decision of their organisation that they are delegated to attend on behalf of the organisation and to apply for a scholarship. In the application form, you will be asked to share a confirmation that you have indeed been delegated by your organisation.

All applicants will be notified about the outcome of the selection process in the beginning of July.

What do you need to do?

- Discuss within your organisation who the organisation delegates for participation at the Conference and consider whether you need to apply for a full scholarship, a partial scholarship or none at all (if you have access to other resources);
- To apply for a scholarship the delegated participant should fill in the application form by 19 June, 23:59 CEST;
- Wait for the outcomes of the scholarship selection process. All applicants will be informed in the first week of July;
- If you are granted a scholarship, you will be invited to confirm your participation by registering for the Conference within two weeks after receiving the notification of your acceptance, i.e. approximately by mid-July;
- If you need a visa, ILGA-Europe will provide you with the invitation letter to support your visa application process, once your scholarship has been granted and you have registered for the Conference.

Please, keep in mind that:

- We strongly advise to not book travel or apply for a visa before you receive a scholarship confirmation from ILGA-Europe;
- If you have concerns about the timeline for your visa application, please contact the ILGA-Europe team at Ljubljana2023@ilga-europe.org to discuss it;
- ILGA-Europe's members will be prioritised;
- Once all the scholarships are granted, a waiting list will be created in case of cancellations;
- If you are granted a scholarship, you will receive a request to register to attend the Conference by filling in our registration form. Please register on time to confirm your scholarship and participation. After the registration deadline, unclaimed scholarships – i.e. scholarships not supported by timely Conference registration – will be passed on to applicants on the waiting list.

Type of scholarship

What is included in the scholarship?

There are two types of scholarships:

- 1) A full scholarship is for organisations that cannot cover any cost related to the participation of their delegate. It includes:
 - ✓ Travel and associated costs as visa costs or compulsory insurance from your country of residence to/from Ljubljana based on the estimate costs indicated on your scholarship application*
 - ✓ Accommodation in twin room with breakfast for **4 nights, from Wednesday 25 to Sunday 29 October = €400 - Note that the type of room cannot be changed**
 - ✓ Access to the entire conference programme from Wednesday evening and **all meals from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening** (lunch, dinner, coffee breaks) = **€280**

- 2) A partial scholarship is for organisations that can cover partially the costs related to the participation of their delegate. It includes:
 - ✓ Access to the entire conference programme from Wednesday evening and **all meals from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening** (lunch, dinner, coffee breaks) = **€280**

In the application, you can also choose for the scholarship to include either:

- **Travel and associated costs**, such as visa costs or compulsory insurance from your country of residence to/from Ljubljana based on the estimate costs indicated on your scholarship application*
- or
- Accommodation in twin room for **4 nights, from Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 October** at the conference hotel = **€400 - Note that the type of room cannot be changed**

*Please note that you may be asked to book your travel in advance on your own and be reimbursed only after the conference.

For any questions about the scholarship contact Ljubljana2023@ilga-europe.org